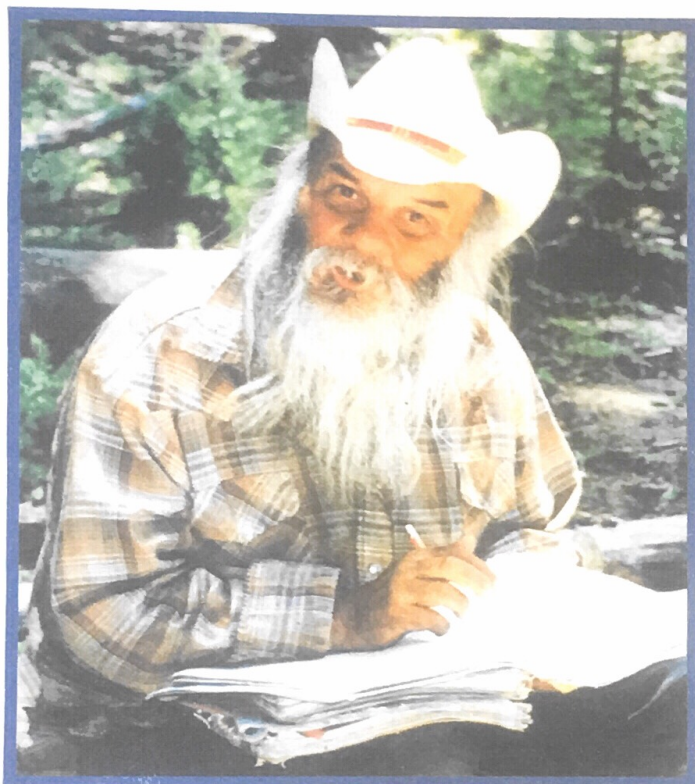
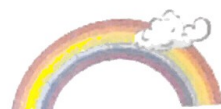




Rainbow Family

Life Stories



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Interviews with Rainbow
Family of Living Light
folks conducted between
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Sky Pony - I Like The Trip

["Sibling rivalries... rejection of child by parent or smothering attention... heavy-handed control of parent over child... these are ills that are intimately linked with the very physical arrangements of our family living. There are things about Pawnee life that suggest that an enlarged home environment would improve our lives." Gene Weltfish - The Lost Universe]

Ba gave me my name four months ago. I wanted a new name cause most of the people on Flowering Tree Farm had new names. I'm really into horses. I don't need a motorcycle up where I live. I got a couple of ponies I ride a lot. I'm nine.

I was born in Oakland, California in 1969. My mom was 16 in high school. When I was little, we traveled a lot to Canada and stuff. We settled down in Cohasset, California, for three years, and then we went to the Montana Gathering. At the Montana Gathering, we met the Flowering Trees and we went with them. Then we decided to go back to Flowering Tree.

I've seen my dad a lot. I get along with him real good.

I don't really like going to public school - the teachers and the whole trip - but I did go for a couple of years. After that, I started going to a free school for a while, when we set up our tipi. The free school was neat. All the kids were nice. The kids in public school pick fights a lot. This winter I did all my schoolwork at home at home at Flowering Tree. I was third grade.

Right now I like living in a tipi better than a house. I've been living in a tipi for a couple of years, but an old cabin in the hills, I dig that. I don't mind going without electricity. Candles are pretty good. My mom don't dig electricity.

I don't miss TV. I like going to my grandma's house when I get to watch it every day, but my mom don't like me to watch because it's real bad for your eyes. You watch all the cowboy shows and you get real speedy - like, "Hey man, I'm the toughest guy in town."

I've never gone to church. Everybody here is into like God and the Great Spirit and everything like that. The Great Spirit - I don't know what it is. It's like God or something.

I know a couple of kids who are half Indian. That's all the Indians I know.

I've smoked pot. My mom knows I did. I don't smoke it any more, because my mom don't like me to. I've never tried acid.

I tan hides, but they all turn out stiff on me. My mom's gonna help me tan pretty soon and I'm gonna make some buckskin pants. I like Flowering Tree. I like the trip - make our own things, make our own lodges, do everything for ourselves.

I learned how to play a guitar just hanging out with Blackjack. I don't know regular songs, just bass leads.

Everybody in Flowering Tree wanted to live on the land. Everybody didn't like it so much when we got put off the land. It was real nice land. I worked in the garden a lot. I brought in the firewood all winter. My dog hauled the water. He can bring in about ten gallons at a time on a sled. Then I could go out and play on my sled. We had the best sled run.

I seen two babies born - Ba's baby, Antaki, and Donna's baby Chekwalla. It's funny when their heads pop out. I read books - not big fat ones, but thin ones. I read them to the little kids at Flowering Tree like Crow Boy.

I like the gathering this year in Oregon, but I wish the weather was better. We don't know where we go from here. I might be a horse man when I grow up training horses every day.

I've heard of Noah's Ark. I never heard of Adam and Eve. All I know about Krishna is that they got bald heads. I don't know who Jesus is.

I've never heard of anybody worrying about the future.